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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR05121022

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 9, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 44,000 customers within certain portions of Warren, Hunterdon, Mercer, Burlington, Monmouth, Camden, Ocean, Sussex, and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$4,162,884 or 18.73% in annual revenues. The increase in rates was proposed to become effective on January 9, 2006.

On February 8, 2006, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law. On December 21, 2005, the Board suspended the proposed rates until May 9, 2006.

¹ The Petitioner also provides wastewater service to approximately 4,000 customers in New Jersey. Petitioner's rates for wastewater service are not the subject of this petition.

In light of the fact that this proceeding is still pending before the Office of Administrative Law, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that the proposed revisions be and are hereby further suspended until September 9, 2006, unless the Board, prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED 4/27/04

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KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

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